

**Te Kawa T G Robb**

**Submitter Type:**

Individual

**Source:** Web Form

**Overall Position:** Support

**Overall Notes:**

**Clause**

1. Do you agree with the Government's proposal to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads (eg, body scrubs, facial cleaners, toothpastes) to reduce their impacts on New Zealand's environment and human health? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

**Clause**

2. What are your views on the Government narrowing or widening the definition of the scope of personal care products containing microbeads to be prohibited from manufacture and sale in New Zealand?

**Notes**

In order to eliminate microplastics from entering the marine environment, the definition should be as wide as possible, in my opinion. There are alternatives to microbeads already, so any resistance to this proposal is purely driven by economics, not environmental responsibility.

**Clause**

3. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

4. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any personal care products containing microbeads for medically prescribed uses or purposes? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

5. Do you currently import any personal care products containing microbeads into New Zealand, either for sale or personal use? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

6. Are you aware of any personal care products containing microbeads for any purpose that could be considered an essential or critical use?

**Notes**

No

**Clause**

7. Do you currently manufacture, sell or use any alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein), which are designed and used for the same purpose(s)? Please specify.

**Position**

No

**Notes**

**Clause**

8. Do you consider the alternatives to personal care products containing microbeads (or components therein) to be reasonably practicable, readily available, and similarly priced for existing personal, business or other uses? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

To my knowledge, products 'on the shelf' that contain microbead alternatives are similarly priced to those that contain microbeads

**Clause**

9. Is there any reason why the alternatives would not be reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced for personal, business or other uses? If so, would you consider operating against the policy intent and importing personal care products containing microbeads from overseas?

**Position**

No

**Notes****Clause**

10. What would be the impact on you or your business if personal care products containing microbeads were prohibited for manufacture and sale in New Zealand and the alternatives were not reasonably practicable, readily available, or similarly priced?

**Notes**

This would not affect me as I am not a manufacturer/retailer.

**Clause**

11. Do you support the Government's approach to administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act? Why/why not?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes****Clause**

12. Are there any other considerations for administration and enforcement of the proposed regulations that have not been outlined in the Administration and enforcement section in the Managing microbeads in personal care products consultation document?

**Notes**

No

**Clause**

13. What are your views on the Government's proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads?

**Notes**

I believe it should be implemented almost immediately. Any orders by manufacturers/retailers made prior to enforcement date can be excluded (proof of order required) but any orders for manufacture or import subsequently should be fined.

**Clause**

14. Are there any issues about the proposed timeframe for entry-into-force of the regulations that the Government should consider?

**Notes**

No

**Clause**

15. Are there any ways the Government could help industry or consumers transition away from personal care products containing microbeads ahead of the regulations' entry-into-force?

**Notes**

Promote and support NZ made products that contain microbead alternatives. Boosts small NZ business and promotes the alternatives available in a positive light.

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16. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposal?

**Notes**

Thank you for joining the huge number of countries and states around the world that are banning microplastics. Next in line, banning single use plastic bags!

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Plastic bags

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**The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.**